

## **A NEW LOOK FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN MOULTONBOROUGH**



The revitalization of Moultonborough Village will be the focus of a community charrette scheduled for July 20 and July 21, 2012. A charrette is an intensive planning process that brings together professional volunteers with community residents and stakeholders, in order to explore needs and issues related to the town's built environment

There are a number of historically significant buildings in Moultonborough Village. Some are in active use, while others are vacant, underutilized, or potential candidates for adaptive re-use. The charrette will provide the opportunity for the community to focus attention on such buildings and their future uses. One visible project already underway is the painting of the historic Moultonborough Town House and Middle Neck School.

Painter John Thompson of JLT Painting and his crew are now at work on these buildings, which are being repainted to match their original colors. Thompson worked as a restoration painter, plasterer, and carpenter at Canterbury Shaker Village for nearly a decade; his recent projects include the 1790 Rolfe Barn (Penacook Historical Society).

Built in 1834-1835, the Moultonborough Town House served as the town hall from 1835 until 1949, hosting town meetings and elections, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Middle Neck School was moved from its original site near Kona Farm Road and placed next to the Town House in 1987; both town-owned buildings are now part of the Moultonborough Historical Society compound in the village center.

All Moultonborough residents and property owners are urged to 'save the date' and plan to participate in the upcoming community charrette. There will be two listening sessions for public input on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5 PM and 6:30-8 PM); a detailed schedule with locations and additional opportunities will be released in early July.